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IMPORT TRADE BY COUNTRY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the increase in United States general imports, unadjusted for seasonal variation, from $1,116.7 million in January to $1,389.5 million in February[1,2], reflected increases in imports from all areas except Canada. Changes in the dollar values of area totals from January to February were as follows: Western Europe, from $250.9 to $388.1 million; Latin American Republics, from $243.6 to $298.5 million; Canada, from $282.5 to $267.1 million; and "all other countries," from $339.7 to $435.8 million.

From January to February, increases were reported in imports from O.E.C.D. countries in Europe, and sterling area countries, from $243.2 to $379.4 million, and from $184.3 to $290.7 million, respectively. Increases were reported in imports from all continents except North America.

Imports from Europe rose from $256.3 million in January to $393.0 million in February chiefly as a result of increases in imports from individual countries of this continent as follows: United Kingdom, from $54.0 to $84.3 million; West Germany, from $61.8 to $77.0 million; France, from $19.3 to $33.6 million; Belgium and Luxembourg, from $16.7 to $30.6 million; Turkey, from $6.5 to $18.4 million; Netherlands, from $8.7 to $20.1 million; Italy, from $23.9 to $33.0 million; and Greece, from $1.3 to $9.2 million. Imports from South America rose from $167.0 to $207.5 million as increases in imports from Brazil, from $25.4 to $52.4 million; Argentina, from $5.9 to $13.2 million; Peru, from $12.5 to $19.6 million; and Uruguay, from $1.2 to $6.0 million were partly offset by a decrease in imports from Venezuela, from $89.2 to $82.8 million. The rise in imports from Asia, from $214.1 to $251.5 million was chiefly due to increases in imports from India, from $16.5 to $32.7 million; Republic of the Philippines, from $13.8 to $25.4 million; and Republic of Indonesia, from $7.6 to $12.7 million. However, imports from Japan declined slightly from $109.3 to $104.4 million.

The increase in imports from Africa, from $42.3 to $77.7 million was largely accounted for by increases in imports from the Republic of South Africa, from $11.2 to $26.8 million; Ghana, from $1.7 to $8.0 million; and the Federation of Nigeria, from $1.0 to $5.9 million. The rise in imports from Australia and Oceania from $22.1 to $55.3 million was accounted for by increases in imports from Australia, from $16.1 to $40.8 million and New Zealand and Western Samoa, from $5.8 to $14.0 million.

During the period, imports from North America fell from $413.2 to $403.8 million reflecting in part a decrease in imports from Canada, from $282.5 to $267.1 million which was partly offset by a gain in imports from Mexico, from $49.6 to $56.9 million.

[1] The Bureau of the Census does not have adequate information to measure the effect on the statistics of the dock strike which began on December 23, 1962 and continued through January 25, 1963.

[2] On a seasonally-adjusted basis, total general imports were valued at $1,493.2 million in February as compared to $1,093.2 million in January. Seasonally-adjusted data are not available by country of origin.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Import statistics include merchandise imported by government agencies as well as by private importers, but exclude American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report but the import trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States import trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in import statistics. However, the statistics may include some merchandise (principally duty free) which is entered through United States Customs and subsequently exported in the same condition in which imported. In many cases, such merchandise differs from in transit merchandise only in the manner in which it is documented.

COUNTRY DEFINITION: Though the country which should be reported in the statistics as the country of origin is defined as the country where the merchandise was grown, mined or manufactured, the country actually shown in the statistics may in a number of cases represent some other country, such as the country of purchase, lading, or the country in which mixed lots of various origin are consolidated. It follows, therefore, that imports from such merchanting or transshipment countries are likely to be overstated and imports from other countries correspondingly understated.

VALUATION: Import values are, in general, based on market price or selling price, and are, in general, f.o.b. the exporting country. They exclude United States import duties. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

RELIABILITY: The statistics presented in this report are based partly on sample data (i.e. formal entries valued under $100 and all informal entries valued under $250), and therefore are subject to sampling variation that may cause them to differ somewhat from the results which would have been obtained from processing all import entries. The probable variability due to sampling is either less than $50,000 (the largest variation from rounding of figures) or less than 1 percent of the individual totals shown.

In addition to the effects of sampling variation, and the difficulties described above under COUNTRY DEFINITION, monthly import statistics are subject to some error from such sources as the carry-over of data from month to month in the compiling process and errors in reporting or processing. Although the effect of such errors on the rounded totals in this report is probably small, the possibility of inaccuracy should be taken into account, particularly in using figures of relatively small magnitude.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, compilation procedures and precision of import data is contained in the foreword of Reports No. FT 110 and FT 120. For complete statement, see foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: FEBRUARY 1963 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(In millions of dollars. N.e.c. indicates not elsewhere classified. General imports are a total of imports for immediate consumption plus entries into bonded warehouses. Data revised to reflect all corrections published with the statistics through those for December 1962. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hense may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts.)

Continent and country[1]	February 1963	January 1963	February 1962	Monthly average 1962
Total trade	1,389.5	1,116.7	[2]1,213.0	1,365.6
Western Europe	388.1	250.9	362.4	378.5
Canada	267.1	282.5	240.7	304.7
Latin American Republics	298.5	243.6	279.0	282.2
All other countries	435.8	339.7	330.9	400.2
O.E.C.D. countries in Europe	379.4	243.2	350.6	369.0
Sterling area countries	290.7	184.3	209.0	249.7
North America	403.8	413.2	370.1	428.0
Greenland	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Canada (including Newfoundland and Labrador)	267.1	282.5	240.7	304.7
Miquelon and St. Pierre Islands	0.1	(*)	(*)	(*)
Mexico[a]	56.9	49.6	56.4	48.2
Guatemala[a]	9.8	8.1	6.9	5.2
British Honduras[b]	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.2
El Salvador[a]	4.8	5.6	3.0	3.7
Honduras[a]	2.7	1.7	2.6	2.7
Nicaragua[a]	3.5	3.0	3.3	2.3
Costa Rica[a]	3.1	3.0	4.9	3.3
Republic of Panama[a]	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.9
Canal Zone	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.4
Bermuda[b]	0.1	0.1	(*)	0.5
Bahamas[b]	1.0	1.1	1.2	0.9
Cuba[a]	(*)	(*)	2.1	0.6
Jamaica[b]	7.0	9.1	4.8	8.4
Haiti[a]	2.9	1.1	1.8	2.0
Dominican Republic[a]	9.1	6.3	9.2	12.8
Leeward and Windward Islands[b]	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Barbados[b]	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1
Trinidad and Tobago[b]	9.6	11.0	6.3	7.1
Netherlands Antilles	23.8	28.1	24.1	22.3
French West Indies	(*)	0.3	(*)	0.5
South America	207.5	167.0	190.7	204.1
Colombia[a]	12.7	12.0	19.6	22.9
Venezuela[a]	82.8	89.2	77.0	81.3
British Guiana[b]	1.7	1.8	1.5	1.9
Surinam	2.0	2.1	2.5	2.7
French Guiana	(*)	...	...	(*)
Ecuador[a]	4.9	4.7	4.3	5.9
Peru[a]	19.6	12.5	14.2	15.9
Bolivia[a]	0.9	0.5	0.8	1.0
Chile[a]	10.1	11.3	12.9	15.9
Brazil[a]	52.4	25.4	47.5	45.1
Paraguay[a]	1.2	0.4	0.5	0.6
Uruguay[a]	6.0	1.2	2.6	2.0
Argentina[a]	13.2	5.9	7.3	8.8
Falkland Islands[b]	...	...	...	....
Europe	393.0	256.3	367.3	385.3
Iceland[b,c,d]	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.0
Sweden[c,d]	16.7	9.3	16.5	14.2
Norway[c,d]	6.5	6.6	4.8	8.8
Denmark[c,d]	11.7	6.9	8.6	9.8

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UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: FEBRUARY 1963 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Continent and country[1]	February 1963	January 1963	February 1962	Monthly average 1962
Europe—Continued				
United Kingdom[b,c,d]	84.3	54.0	74.6	83.7
Ireland (Eire)[b,c,d]	4.3	3.9	3.4	3.1
Netherlands[c,d]	20.1	8.7	16.5	18.4
Belgium and Luxembourg[c,d]	30.6	16.7	32.8	32.2
France[c,d]	33.6	19.3	39.8	35.7
West Germany[c,d]	77.0	61.8	76.2	80.1
East Germany	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.3
Austria[c,d]	3.5	2.6	3.8	4.3
Czechoslovakia	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.8
Hungary	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
Switzerland[c,d]	17.4	13.5	13.8	18.9
Finland[c]	5.0	4.5	6.6	5.0
Estonia	(*)	...	...	(*)
Latvia	...	...	...	(*)
Lithuania	...	...	...	(*)
Poland and Danzig	2.7	3.7	2.7	3.8
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	0.7	0.4	0.6	1.3
Azores	(*)	0.1	0.1	0.1
Spain[c,d]	7.1	5.4	7.4	7.5
Portugal[c,d]	5.3	1.9	5.4	4.1
Gibraltar[b]	(*)	...	(*)	(*)
Malta and Gozo[2,b]	(*)	(*)	0.1	(*)
Italy[c,d]	33.0	23.9	31.3	37.7
Free Territory of Trieste[c,d]	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Yugoslavia[c]	3.7	3.2	5.1	4.5
Albania	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Greece[c,d]	9.2	1.3	2.4	2.2
Rumania	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1
Bulgaria	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1
Turkey[c,d]	18.4	6.5	12.1	7.3
Cyprus[b]	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1
Asia	251.5	214.1	201.3	247.1
Syrian Arab Republic	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.4
Lebanon	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.4
Iraq (Mesopotamia)	0.7	0.3	0.7	0.8
Iran (Persia)	5.0	4.5	6.3	4.9
Israel	4.4	3.5	3.2	3.4
Palestine	...	...	...	(*)
Jordan[b]	...	(*)	(*)	(*)
Kuwait[b]	3.4	3.7	6.3	7.3
Saudi Arabia	5.0	5.7	7.6	5.6
Arabia Peninsula States, n.e.c.	2.0	1.5	1.7	1.9
Aden[b]	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
State of Bahrein[b]	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1
Afghanistan	0.6	4.0	5.7	1.2
India[b]	32.7	16.5	20.4	21.3
Goa, Damao, and Diu[3]	...	...	...	...
Pakistan[b]	5.2	2.0	5.7	3.5
Nepal	...	...	...	(*)
Ceylon[b]	2.9	1.9	1.9	2.8
Burma[b]	0.1	(*)	0.1	0.1
Thailand (Siam)	4.3	3.1	3.6	3.3
Viet-Nam	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.3
Laos	...	...	(*)	(*)
Cambodia	1.0	0.3	0.4	0.4
Federation of Malaya[b]	17.5	15.2	10.1	15.6
State of Singapore; British Borneo[b]	1.2	1.1	1.8	1.2
Republic of Indonesia	12.7	7.6	12.4	11.2
Republic of the Philippines	25.4	13.8	15.5	27.3
Macao (Macau)	0.1	(*)	(*)	0.1
Portuguese Asia, n.e.c.	...	...	...	(*)
Southern and Southeastern Asia, n.e.c.	...	...	(*)	(*)
China (including Manchuria)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Outer Mongolia	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3

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Continent and country[1]	February 1963	January 1963	February 1962	Monthly average 1962
Asia—Continued				
North Korea	...	...	...	(*)
Republic of Korea	1.5	1.0	0.6	0.9
Hong Kong[b]	16.1	14.6	13.0	14.3
Taiwan (Formosa)	3.4	3.3	4.7	4.7
Japan	104.4	109.3	77.8	113.1
Nansei and Nanpo Islands, n.e.c.	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.8
Australia and Oceania	55.3	22.1	26.4	36.6
Australia[b]	40.8	16.1	16.4	24.2
New Guinea[b]	0.2	0.2	(*)	0.2
New Zealand and Western Samoa[b]	14.0	5.8	9.4	11.7
British Western Pacific Islands[b]	0.2	(*)	(*)	0.4
French Pacific Islands	0.1	(*)	(*)	(*)
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands	...	...	0.6	0.1
Africa	77.7	42.3	57.1	63.2
Morocco	1.2	0.4	0.3	0.9
Algeria	0.1	(*)	(*)	0.4
Tunisia	(*)	(*)	0.1	0.1
Libya[b]	1.1	1.8	(*)	1.0
United Arab Republic (Egypt)	1.0	0.2	3.0	2.1
Sudan	(*)	0.3	0.2	0.6
Canary Islands	(*)	(*)	0.3	0.1
Spanish Africa, n.e.c.	...	...	...	(*)
Federal Republic of Cameroon[b]	0.6	(*)	0.9	0.6
Western Equatorial Africa, n.e.c.	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.5
Western Africa, n.e.c.	8.3	5.9	7.1	3.3
Ghana[b]	8.0	1.7	2.8	5.2
Federation of Nigeria[b]	5.9	1.0	3.9	4.0
British West Africa and Sierra Leone[b]	0.1	5.6	0.6	0.8
Madeira Islands	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3
Angola	4.1	2.2	3.5	3.2
Western Portuguese Africa, n.e.c.	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.1
Liberia	3.9	2.0	3.0	2.6
Republic of the Congo	4.4	2.5	2.1	4.0
Somali Republic	0.1	(*)	0.1	0.1
Ethiopia (Abyssinia)	3.6	1.0	2.9	2.5
French Somaliland	(*)	...	(*)	(*)
Seychelles and Dependencies[b]	...	(*)	(*)	(*)
Mauritius and Dependencies[b]	0.3	(*)	0.2	0.2
British East Africa and Tanganyika[b]	4.6	2.4	3.9	4.8
Mozambique	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.5
Malagasy Republic	2.0	1.7	1.9	1.3
Republic of South Africa[b]	26.8	11.2	18.3	21.4
Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland[b]	0.4	1.0	0.6	2.5
Unidentified Continents[4]	0.9	1.8	(*)	1.2
Unidentified Countries[4]	0.9	1.8	(*)	1.2

[2]Latin American Republics. [b]Sterling area countries. [c]Western Europe. [d]O.E.C.D. (Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development) countries in Europe. *Indicates less than $50,000. [1]For definitions of countries as used in this report, refer to current edition of Schedule C, Classification of Country Designations Used in Compiling the United States Foreign Trade Statistics. [2]The February 1962 statistics exclude about $9.7 million of $1-$99 formal and $1-$250 informal entry shipments, Data on these shipments are also excluded from the individual area, continent, and country totals shown in this report and from the data in other reports such as FT 930-I, FT 110, FT 120, IM 145 etc. [3]Effective with the statistics for July 1962, the country designation "Portuguese Asia, N.E.C.", comprising Goa, Damao, Diu and Portuguese Timor became obsolete. Beginning with the September 1962 issue of this report, data for Goa, Damao, and Diu are shown separately while data for Portuguese Timor are included, along with data for other countries, in the figures for "Southern and Southeastern Asia, N.E.C." [4]Countries which could not be identified.